STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2000-742

September 26, 2000

VERIZON MAINE
To Reflect Certain Changes in
Basic Service Calling Areas

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS AND GRANTING WAIVERS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

In this Order we approve tariff revisions filed August 31, 2000, and grant the requested waivers.

On August 31, 2000, Verizon Maine filed the following revisions to its tariffs in P.U.C. – Me. – No. 15:

Part A – Section 6, 1st Revision of Pages 2, 6, and 8 Part A – Section 10, 2nd Revision of Pages 2, 15, 21, and 22

This filing was made in compliance with Chapter 204 to implement changes in Basic Service Calling Areas for Verizon's Lewiston, Portland, Bangor and Lincoln exchanges, effective October 1, 2000.

Concurrent with its tariff filing, Verizon requested two waivers from the requirements in the order adopting Chapter 204. ¹ The first is a waiver of the time required between filing and implementation of the new routes, from eight months to thirty days. The second is a waiver of the required time for customer notification of the changes before implementation of the new routes to less than the required 120 days. Since Verizon's exchanges, and customers, are the receiving exchanges for the new routes, its customers will not be adversely impacted by the shortened time frames.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

- 1. That the tariff revisions described above are permitted to become effective on September 30, 2000.
- 2. That the requested waivers are granted.

¹ Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 93-170, May 19, 1994.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 26TH day of September 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent Diamond

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- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
- 3. <u>Additional court review</u> of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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